Approved For Release 2001/03/06 : CIA-RDP82-00457R00800060000

CLASSIFICATION

GEORY/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

REPORT NO.

INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO. 25X1A

INTELLOFAX 18

COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

DATE DISTR.

24 July 1951

SUBJECT Ethylene Oxide

25X1A

NO. OF PAGES

1

PLACE ACQUIRED

DATE OF

REFERENCE COPY

NO. OF ENCLS.

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

25X1X

DO NOT CIRCULATE REPO

- 1. The lack of ethylene oxide has become one of the severest bottlenecks in Czechoslovakia's chemical industry. A strict embargo has reduced the supply to a small amount imported from Suitzerland, which prefers to export pharmaceutical derivatives of ethylene oxide. The Swiss firms of Sandos in Basel and CIS-Listal, sister firm of CIS Listal Servo at Delden in Holland, have delivered to Czechoslovakia mono-, di-, and tri-ethanolamine, products made by the use of ethylene oxide.
- 2. Ethylene oxide is the basic raw material for production of synthetics necessary for pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, explosives, artificial waxes, textiles, and leather. To relieve the shortage, Czechoslovakia has introduced production of ethylene oxide at Rybitvi (0 51/M 69). It is produced on laboratory scale, and is therefore uneconomical; the yield amounts to about 500 kg per week, far from adequate for industrial demands.

CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States.

Next Review Date: 2008

Document No. 1007

No Change in Class.

Declassified

Class. Changed To: TS S C

Auth.: NR 70-2

Date: 24 July 18 By: 018

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OF ICIALS ONLY

STATE X NAVY X NSRB DISTRIBUTION
ARMY X AIR X FBI OSI ET